

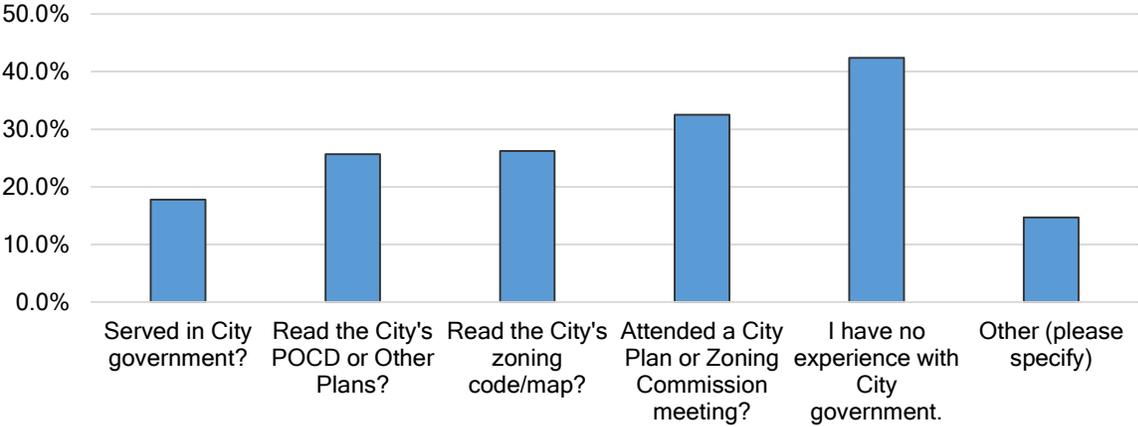
APPENDIX B

Waterbury Community Survey



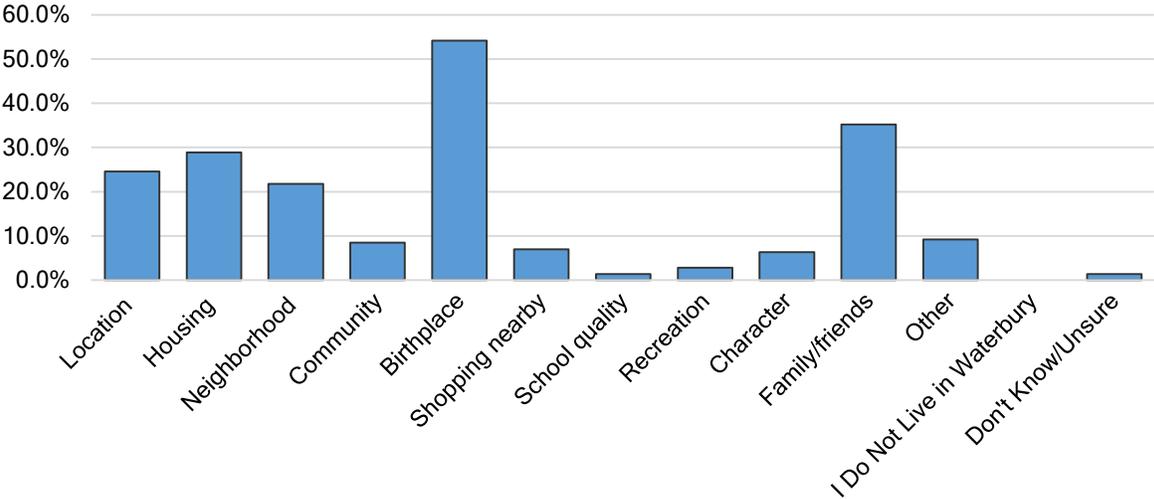
Question 1: I am a ...

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Full-time resident of Waterbury	74.1%	149
Seasonal resident of Waterbury	0.0%	0
Property owner in Waterbury	31.8%	64
Business owner in Waterbury	10.0%	20
Worker in Waterbury	35.8%	72
I do not live in Waterbury but I spend time/visit here	6.0%	12
Other		5
<i>answered question</i>		201
<i>skipped question</i>		0



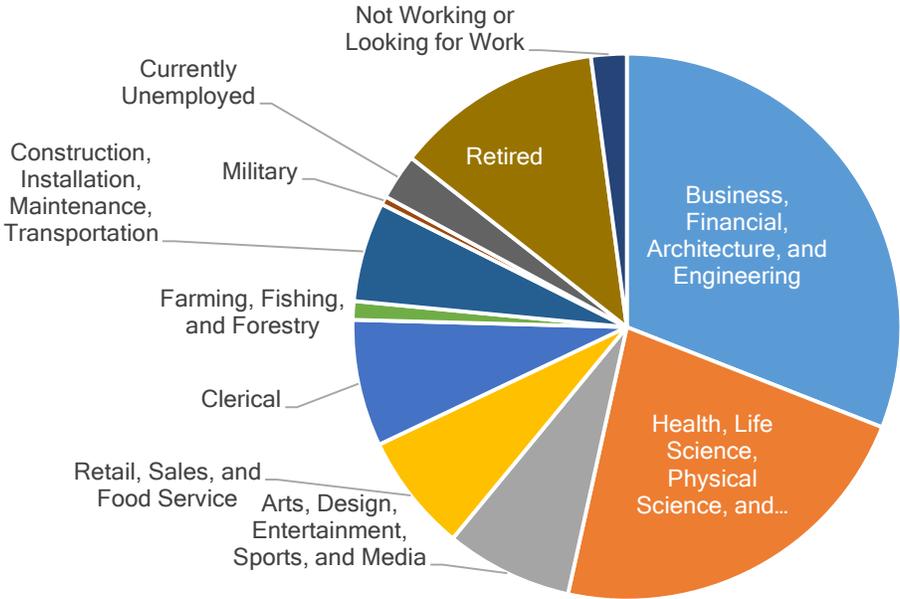
**Question 2: How did you decide on Waterbury as a place to live?
(Check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Location (close to work/highways)	24.6%	35
Housing (nice/affordable)	28.9%	41
Neighborhood (nice)	21.8%	31
Community (community feeling)	8.5%	12
Birthplace	54.2%	77
Shopping nearby	7.0%	10
School quality	1.4%	2
Recreation	2.8%	4
Character	6.3%	9
Family/friends	35.2%	50
Other	9.2%	13
I Do Not Live in Waterbury	0.0%	0
Don't Know/Unsure	1.4%	2
Other (please specify)		11
<i>answered question</i>		142
<i>skipped question</i>		59



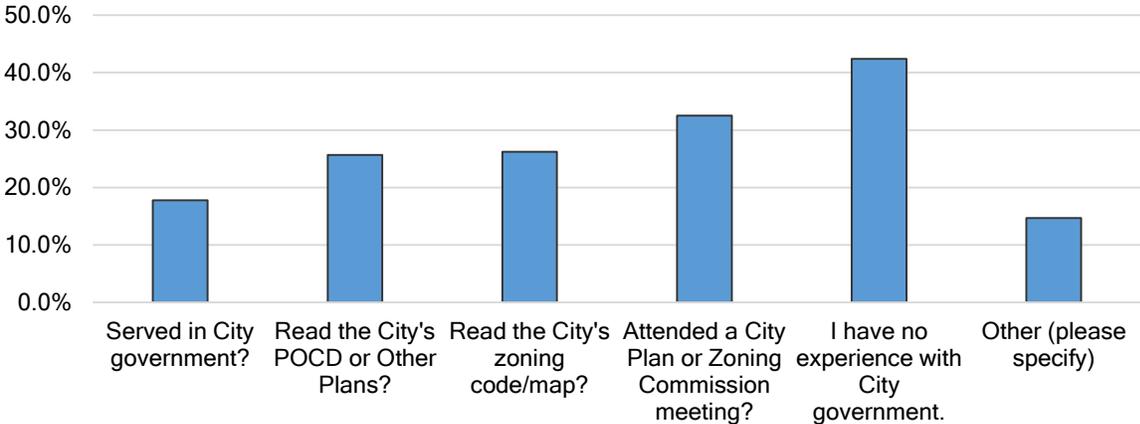
Question 3: Which of the following best describes your occupation?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Business, Financial, Architecture, and Engineering	31.0%	58
Health, Life Science, Physical Science, and Social	22.5%	42
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	7.5%	14
Retail, Sales, and Food Service Occupations	7.0%	13
Clerical Occupations	7.5%	14
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	1.1%	2
Construction, Installation, Maintenance, Transportation	5.9%	11
Military	0.5%	1
Currently Unemployed	2.7%	5
Retired	12.3%	23
Not Working or Looking for Work	2.1%	4
<i>answered question</i>		187
<i>skipped question</i>		14



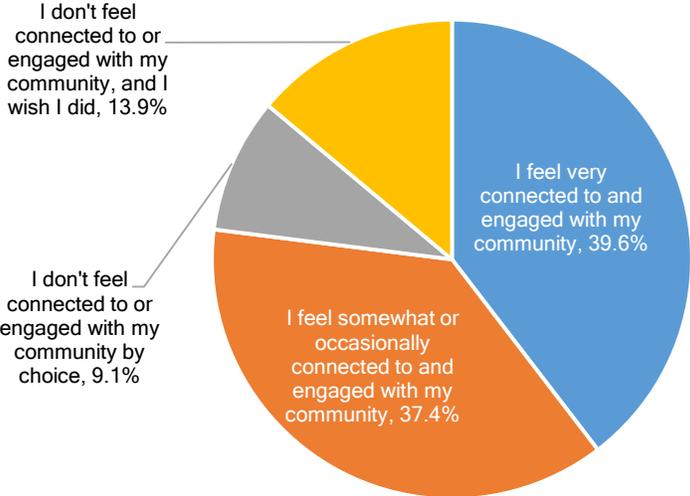
**Question 4: What experience do you have with Waterbury Government or Planning?
(Check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Served in City government?	17.8%	34
Read the City's Plan of Conservation and	25.7%	49
Read the City's zoning code and/or reviewed the	26.2%	50
Attended a meeting of a City Plan or Zoning	32.5%	62
I have no experience with City government.	42.4%	81
Other (please specify)	14.7%	28
<i>answered question</i>		191
<i>skipped question</i>		10



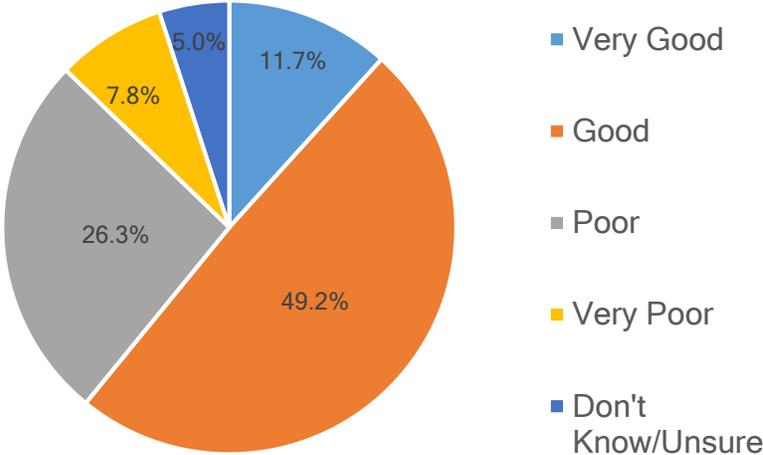
Question 5: In general, do you feel connected to and engaged with your community in Waterbury?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I feel very connected to and engaged with my	39.6%	74
I feel somewhat or occasionally connected to and	37.4%	70
I don't feel connected to or engaged with my	9.1%	17
I don't feel connected to or engaged with my	13.9%	26
Other (please specify)		5
<i>answered question</i>		187
<i>skipped question</i>		14



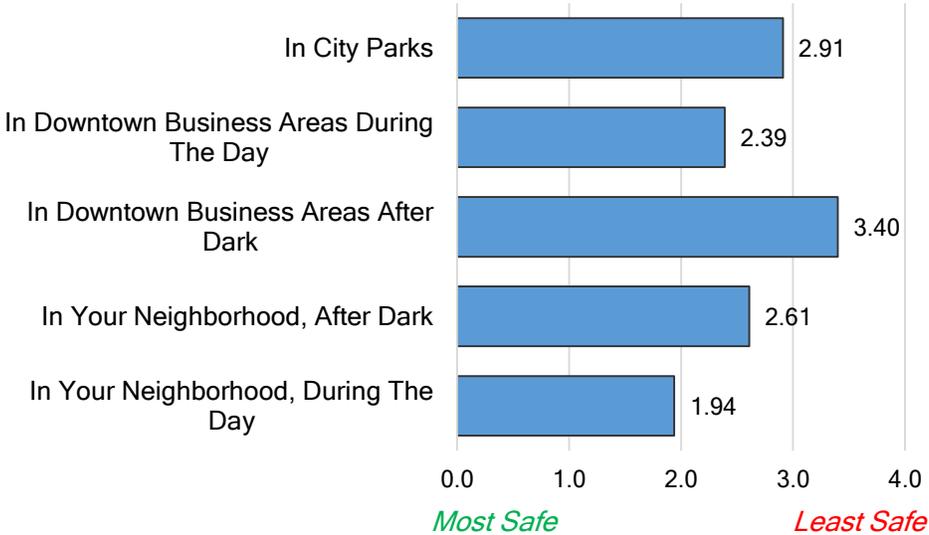
Question 6: Would you describe your quality of life in Waterbury as...

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Good	11.7%	21
Good	49.2%	88
Poor	26.3%	47
Very Poor	7.8%	14
Don't Know/Unsure	5.0%	9
<i>answered question</i>		179
<i>skipped question</i>		22



Question 7: Please tell me how safe you feel in the following locations

Answer Options	Very safe	Safe	Neither Safe nor Unsafe	Unsafe	Very Unsafe	Rating Average	Response Count
In Your Neighborhood, During The Day	63	77	24	13	1	1.94	178
In Your Neighborhood, After Dark	26	67	42	34	8	2.61	177
In Downtown Business Areas After Dark	2	32	61	58	24	3.40	177
In Downtown Business Areas During The Day	23	84	52	17	2	2.39	178
In City Parks	9	48	70	39	6	2.91	172
<i>answered question</i>							180
<i>skipped question</i>							21



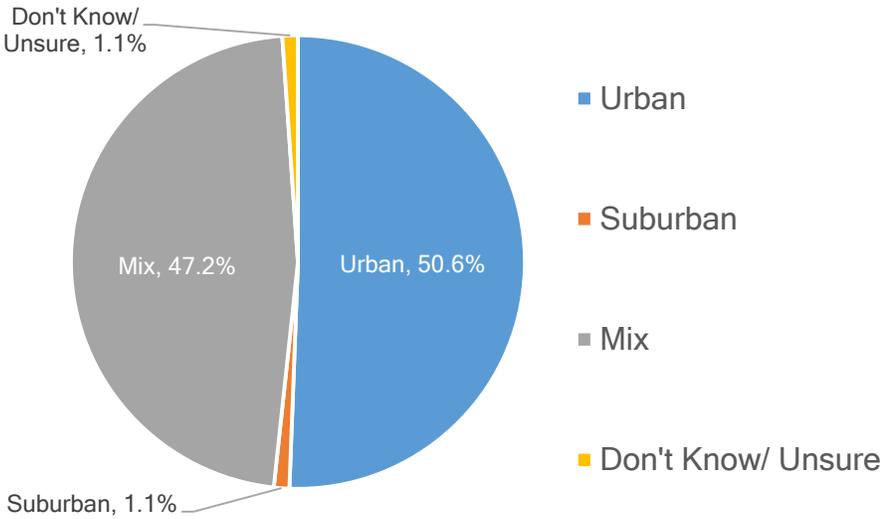
Question 8: Why do you feel unsafe in certain areas?

“Downtown needs additional lighting. More visible police patrols, maybe installation of emergency boxes.”

“Some areas are not given as much support as others, such as the inner cities neighborhoods.”

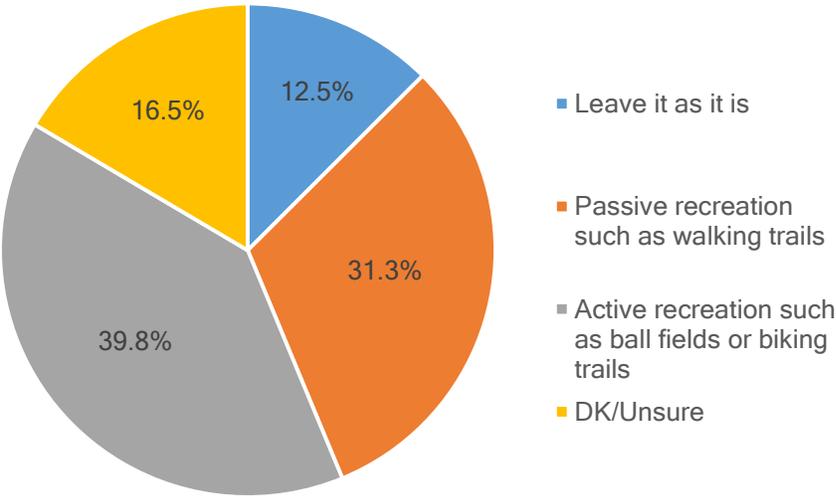
Question 9: Do You Perceive Waterbury As Mostly....

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Urban	50.6%	91
Suburban	1.1%	2
Mix	47.2%	85
Don't Know/ Unsure	1.1%	2
<i>answered question</i>		180
<i>skipped question</i>		21



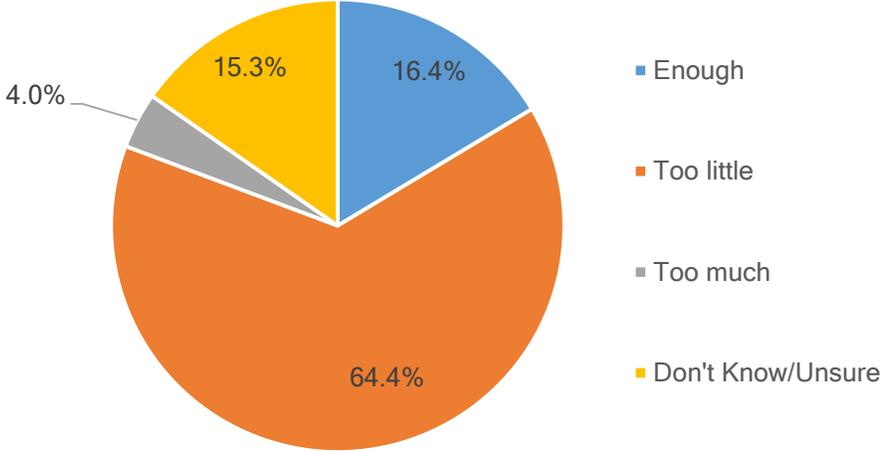
Question10: Which of the following best describes your thoughts on how Waterbury should use any new open space it acquires over the years ahead...

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Leave it as it is	12.5%	22
Passive recreation such as walking trails	31.3%	55
Active recreation such as ball fields or biking trails	39.8%	70
Don't Know/Unsure	16.5%	29
<i>answered question</i>		176
<i>skipped question</i>		25



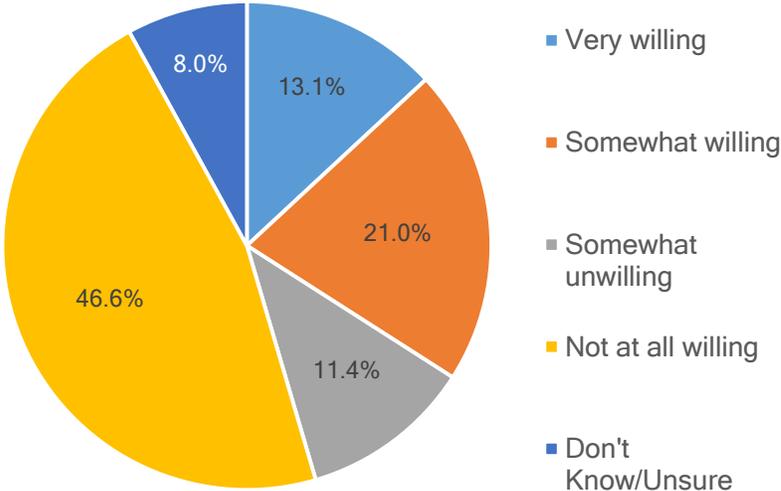
Question11: Would you say Waterbury currently has enough, too little or too much open space?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Enough	16.4%	29
Too little	64.4%	114
Too much	4.0%	7
Don't Know/Unsure	15.3%	27
<i>answered question</i>		177
<i>skipped question</i>		24



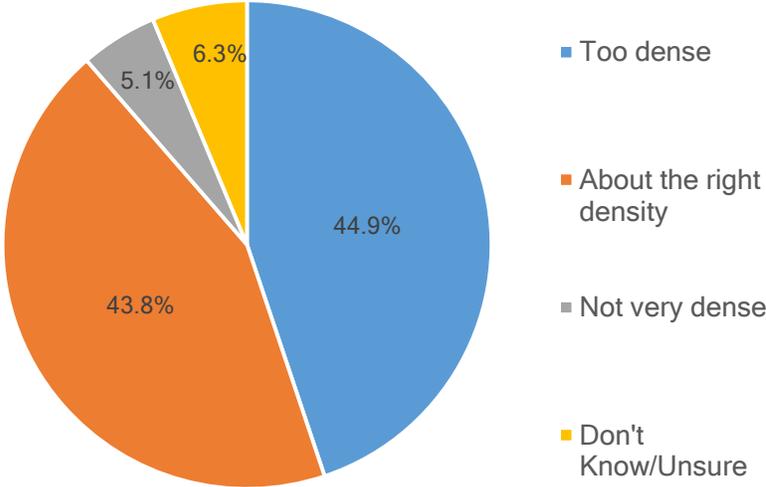
Question12: Would you say Waterbury currently has enough, too little or too much open space?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very willing	13.1%	23
Somewhat willing	21.0%	37
Somewhat unwilling	11.4%	20
Not at all willing	46.6%	82
Don't Know/Unsure	8.0%	14
<i>answered question</i>		176
<i>skipped question</i>		25



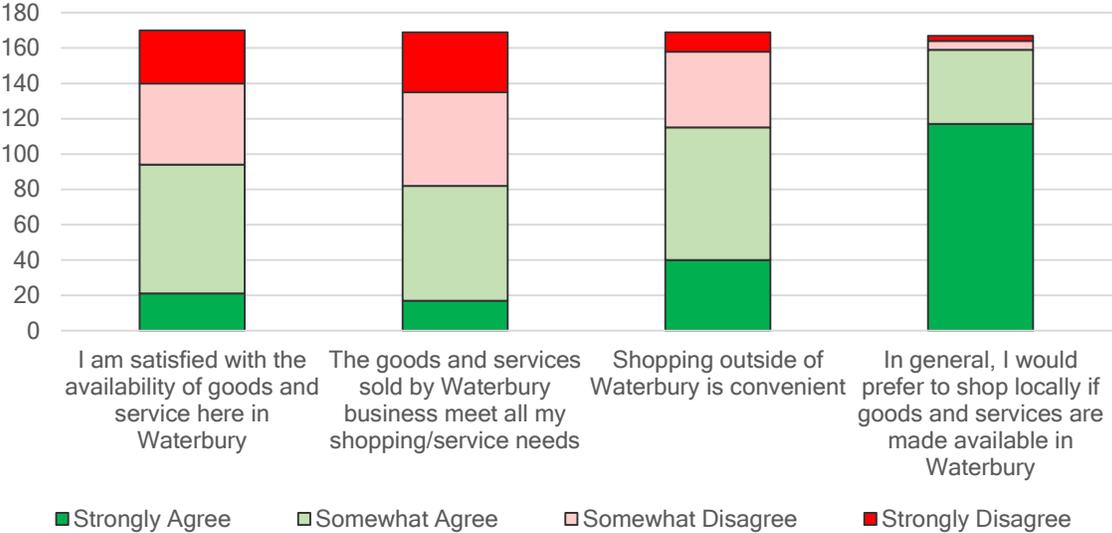
Question13: When communities become known as densely developed, it suggests homes and business are tightly packed. In your view, is Waterbury's density is....

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too dense	44.9%	79
About the right density	43.8%	77
Not very dense	5.1%	9
Don't Know/Unsure	6.3%	11
<i>answered question</i>		176
<i>skipped question</i>		25



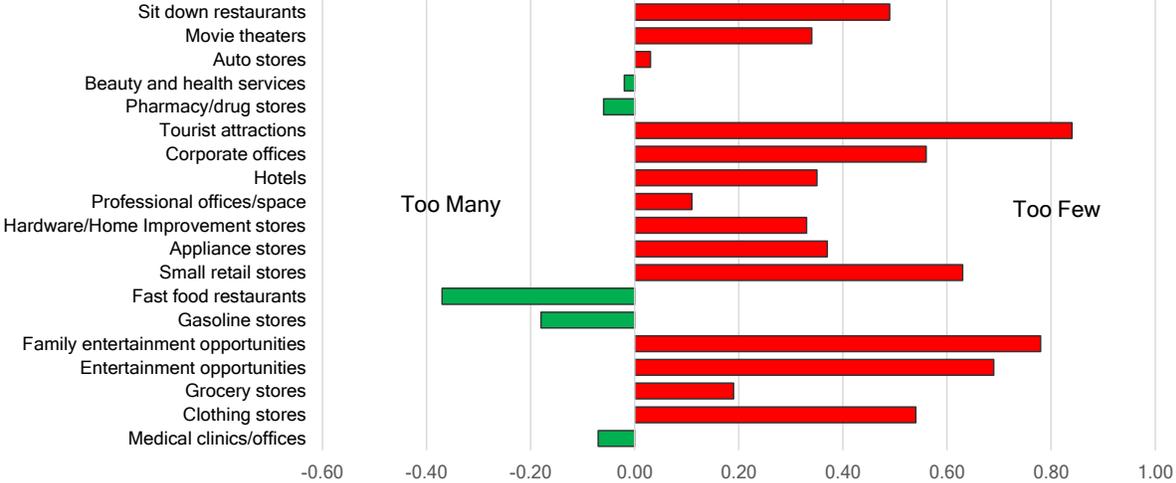
Question14: The following are a number of statements about shopping in Waterbury. For each, please mark if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
I am satisfied with the availability of goods and service here in Waterbury	21	73	46	30	170
The goods and services sold by Waterbury business meet all my shopping/service needs	17	65	53	34	169
Shopping outside of Waterbury is convenient	40	75	43	11	169
In general, I would prefer to shop locally if goods and services are made available in Waterbury	117	42	5	3	167
<i>answered question</i>					171
<i>skipped question</i>					30



Question15: Below is a list of types of business offering goods and services. Please tell me if there are too few, too many or about the right number of each in Waterbury.

Answer Options	Too Few	Too Many	About Right	DK/Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Medical clinics/offices	11	23	120	15	-0.07	169
Clothing stores	97	7	57	6	0.54	167
Grocery stores	40	9	113	4	0.19	166
Entertainment opportunities	119	2	38	10	0.69	169
Family entertainment opportunities	134	2	20	13	0.78	169
Gasoline stores	5	35	126	4	-0.18	170
Fast food restaurants	9	71	80	6	-0.37	166
Small retail stores	119	13	29	8	0.63	169
Appliance stores	68	7	62	26	0.37	163
Hardware/Home Improvement stores	58	3	96	10	0.33	167
Professional offices/space	42	23	83	20	0.11	168
Hotels	61	3	85	18	0.35	167
Corporate offices	99	5	43	20	0.56	167
Tourist attractions	143	1	21	4	0.84	169
Pharmacy/drug stores	10	20	133	5	-0.06	168
Beauty and health services	21	24	104	17	-0.02	166
Auto stores	22	17	117	10	0.03	166
Movie theaters	60	3	99	7	0.34	169
Sit down restaurants	88	4	73	6	0.49	171
<i>answered question</i>						171
<i>skipped question</i>						30



Question16: What are the reasons why you would shop, go to restaurants, or go to entertainment OUTSIDE of Waterbury?

“Want higher quality products or services than Waterbury customer base can support.”

“Although we have many stores offering many products, the products are not of the style that I prefer or need.”

Question17: Where would you locate a new full service (sit-down) restaurant in Waterbury?

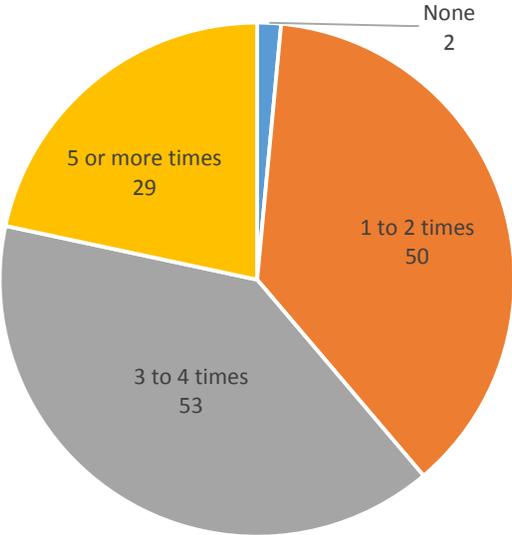
Answer Options	Yes	No	DK/Unsure
Downtown	97	41	23
Other (please specify)	53		
<i>answered question</i>			161
<i>skipped question</i>			40

Other locations:

Location	# of Responses
West End	7
Wolcott Street	3
East end	3
Chase Ave	2
Jackson Street	2
Colonial Plaza	2
North End	1
Hopeville	1
South End	1
Near the Mall	1

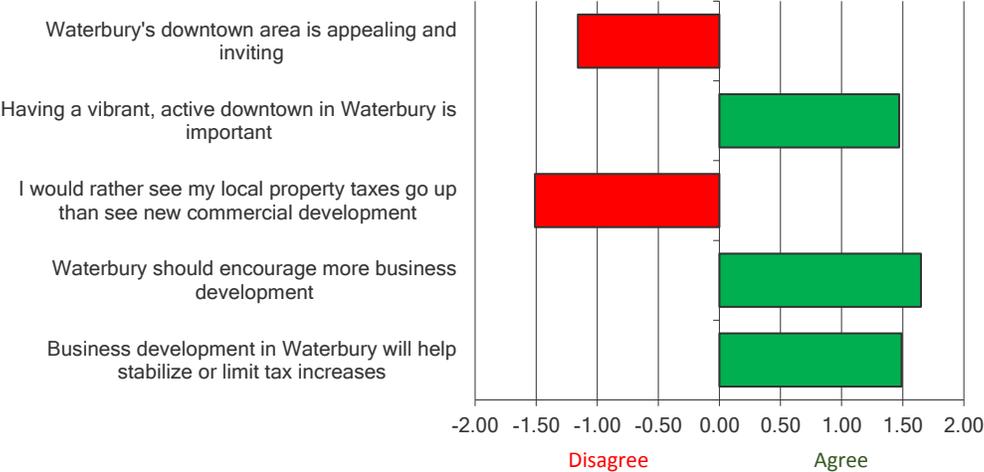
Question 18: How many times per month would you eat dinner at these restaurants?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	1.5%	2
1 to 2	37.3%	50
3 to 4	39.6%	53
5 or more	21.6%	29
<i>answered question</i>		153
<i>skipped question</i>		48



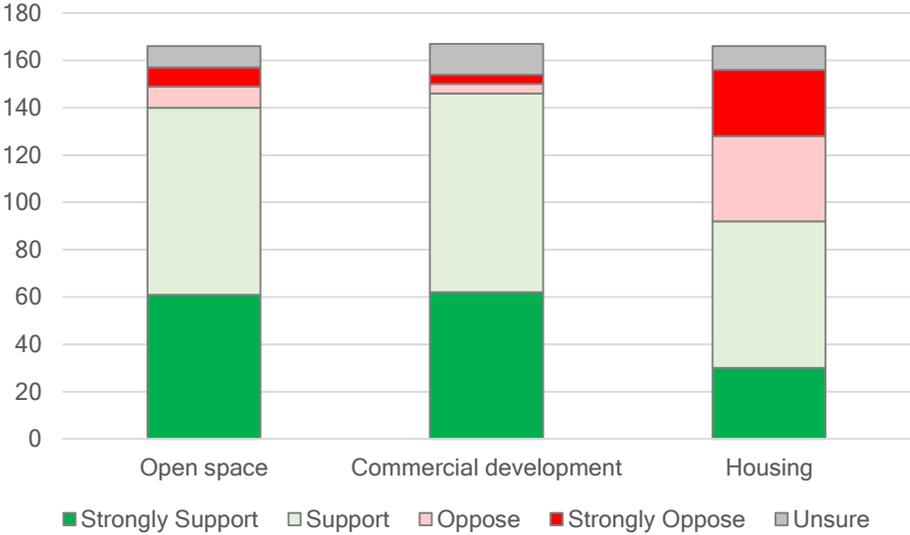
Question 19: The following are a number of statements regarding economic development in Waterbury. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each.

Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Business development in Waterbury will help stabilize or limit tax increases	103	53	4	2	7	1.49	169
Waterbury should encourage more business development	118	45	2	0	4	1.65	169
I would rather see my local property taxes go up than see new commercial development	2	2	56	103	7	-1.51	170
Having a vibrant, active downtown in Waterbury is important	112	44	6	5	4	1.47	171
Waterbury's downtown area is appealing and inviting	3	13	77	70	8	-1.16	171
<i>answered question</i>							171
<i>skipped question</i>							30



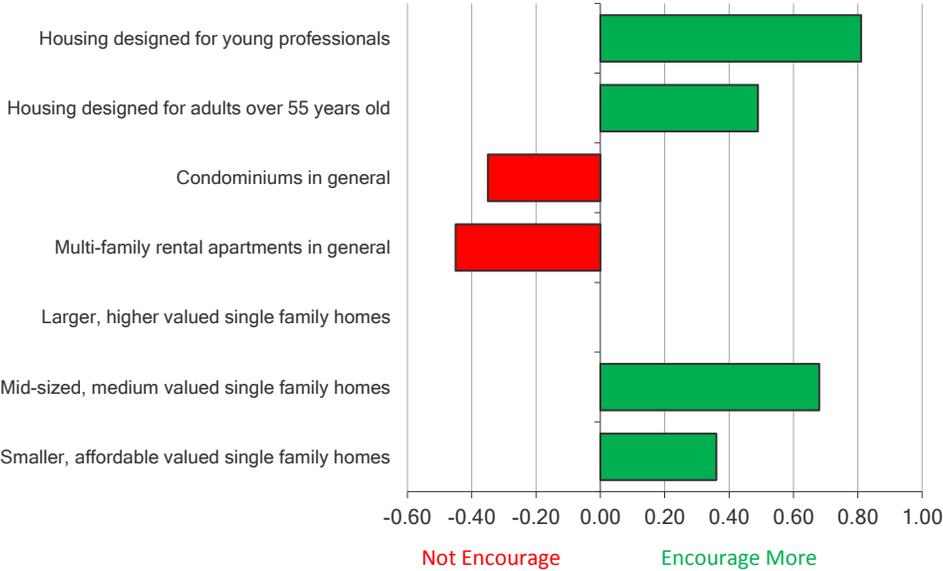
Question 20: The following are a number of uses or mixed uses, for the properties if they become available to the city. Please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each use.

Answer Options	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Open space	61	79	9	8	9	1.06	166
Commercial development	62	84	4	4	13	1.17	167
Housing	30	62	36	28	10	0.18	166
<i>answered question</i>							168
<i>skipped question</i>							33



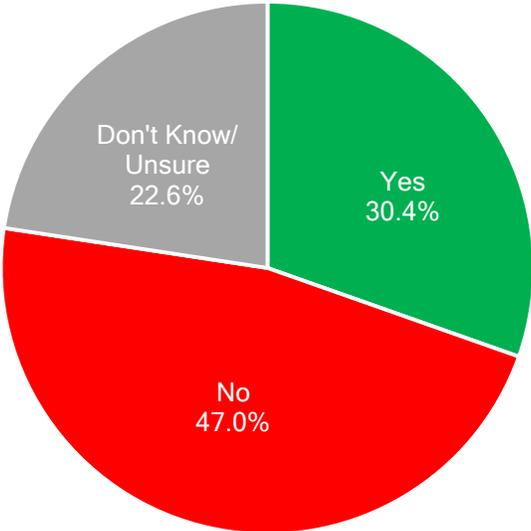
Question 21: As residential development and redevelopment occurs in Waterbury, what type of housing do you think Waterbury should encourage/not encourage through its regulations?

Answer Options	Encourage More	Not Encourage	Don't Know	Rating Average	Response Count
Smaller, affordable valued single family homes	104	45	13	0.36	162
Mid-sized, medium valued single family homes	132	20	12	0.68	164
Larger, higher valued single family homes	66	66	31	0.00	163
Multi-family rental apartments in general	36	110	17	-0.45	163
Condominiums in general	39	96	27	-0.35	162
Housing designed for adults over 55 years old	114	32	20	0.49	166
Housing designed for young professionals	147	12	8	0.81	167
<i>answered question</i>					170
<i>skipped question</i>					31



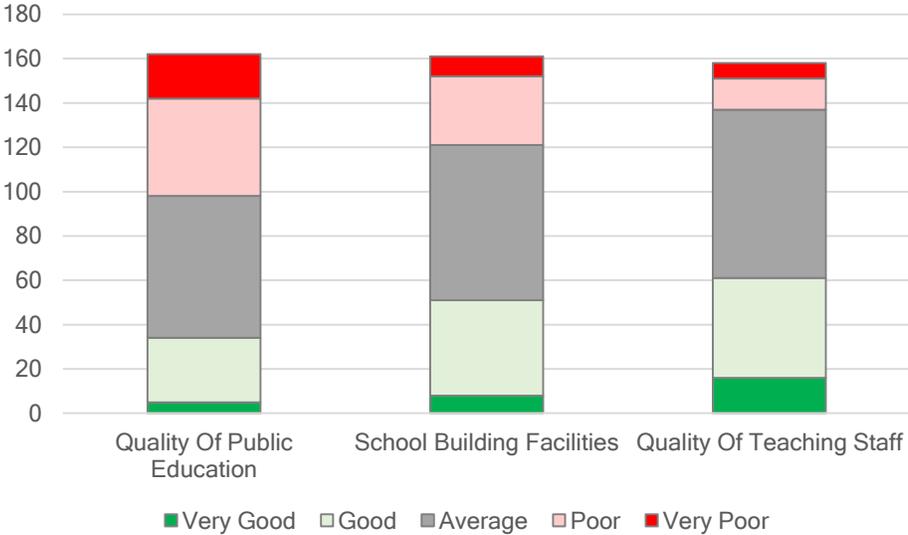
Question 22: Would you support new housing in Waterbury given that taxes may increase as a result of the need for more municipal services to support the new housing?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	30.4%	51
No	47.0%	79
Don't Know/ Unsure	22.6%	38
<i>answered question</i>		168
<i>skipped question</i>		33



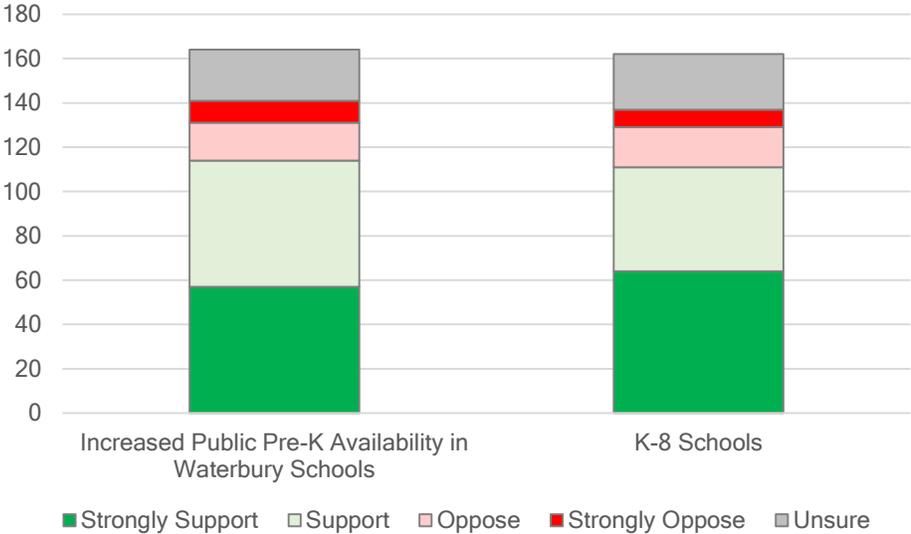
Question 23: Please rate the following education services in Waterbury

Answer Options	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Rating Average	Response Count
Quality of public education	5	29	64	44	20	3.28	162
School building facilities	8	43	70	31	9	2.94	161
Quality of teaching staff	16	45	76	14	7	2.69	158
<i>answered question</i>							162
<i>skipped question</i>							39



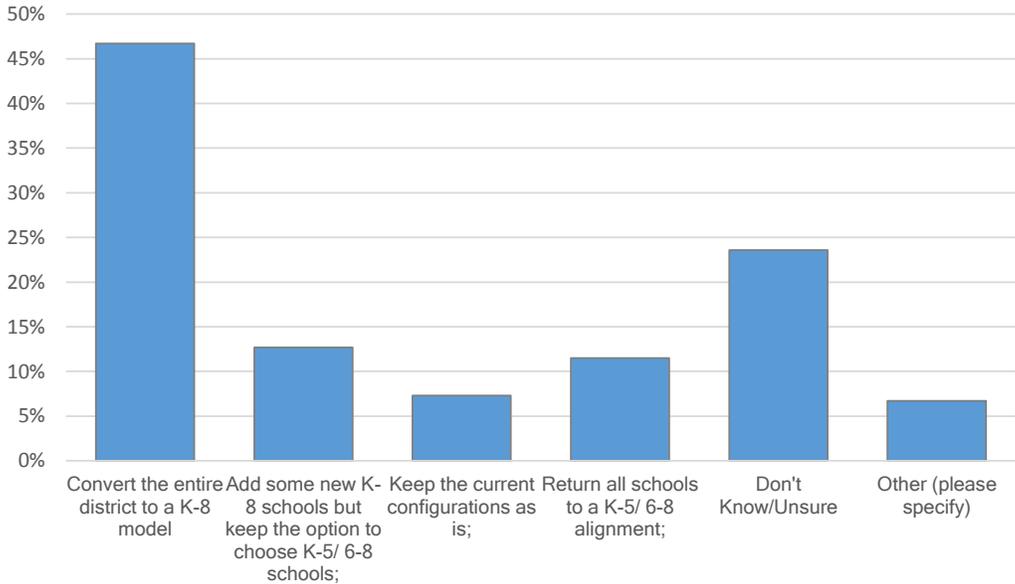
Question 24: Please tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following.

Answer Options	Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	DK/Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Increased Public Pre-K Availability in Waterbury schools	57	57	17	10	23	0.82	164
K-8 schools	64	47	18	8	25	0.87	162
<i>answered question</i>							164
<i>skipped question</i>							37



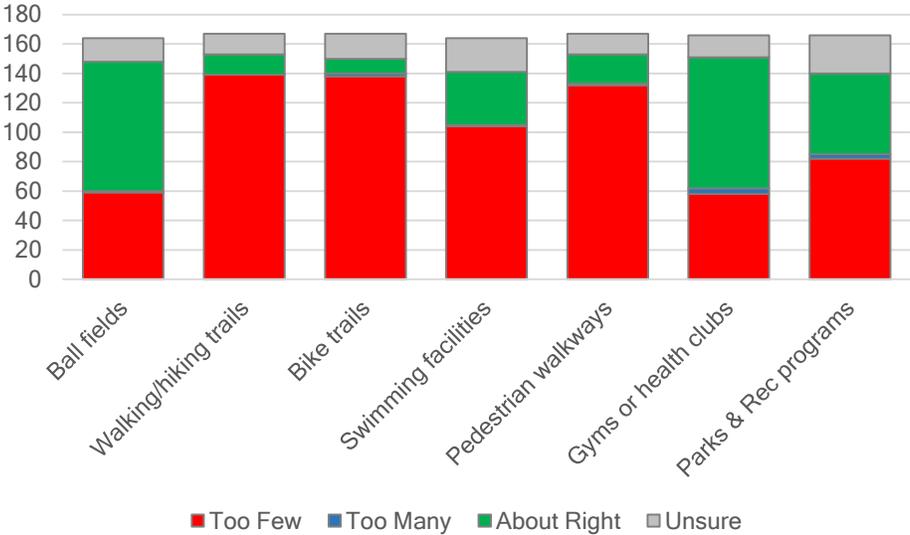
Question 25: Based on all you know or have heard about the new K-8 schools, which of the following should the City pursue (check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Convert the entire district to a K-8 model	46.7%	77
Add some new K-8 schools but keep the option to choose K-5/ 6-8 schools;	12.7%	21
Keep the current configurations as is;	7.3%	12
Return all schools to a K-5/ 6-8 alignment;	11.5%	19
Don't Know/Unsure	23.6%	39
Other (please specify)	6.7%	11
<i>answered question</i>		165
<i>skipped question</i>		36



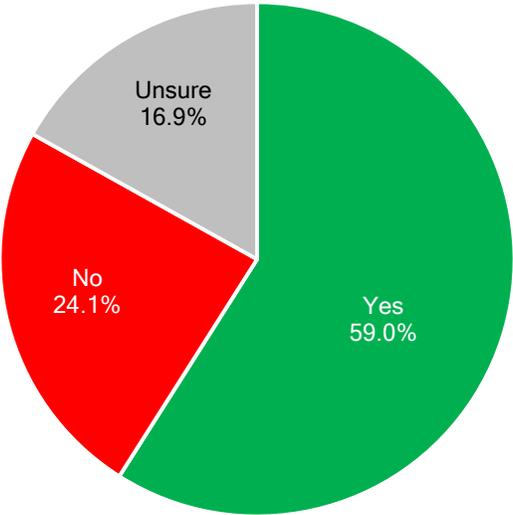
Question 26: For the following recreation facilities and opportunities please indicate if there are too few or about the right amount in Waterbury.

Answer Options	Too Few	Too Many	About Right	Don't Know/Unsure	Rating Average	Response Count
Ball fields	59	1	88	16	0.35	164
Walking/hiking trails	139	0	14	14	0.83	167
Bike trails	138	2	10	17	0.81	167
Swimming facilities	104	1	36	23	0.63	164
Pedestrian walkways	132	1	20	14	0.78	167
Gyms or health clubs	58	4	89	15	0.33	166
Parks Recreation programs	82	3	55	26	0.48	166
<i>answered question</i>						167
<i>skipped question</i>						34



Question 27: Are you willing to pay user fees to support new recreational facilities and opportunities?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	59.0%	98
No	24.1%	40
Don't Know/Unsure	16.9%	28
<i>answered question</i>		166
<i>skipped question</i>		35



Question 28: Below is a list of proposed transportation improvements in Waterbury. Please tell me how important each of these improvements are to you.

Answer Options	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know/Unsure	Response Count
Widen Interstate 84 in eastern Waterbury	110	24	17	18	0	169
Increase Metro North rail service on the Waterbury Branch	98	34	22	13	2	169
Improve CT Transit local bus service	58	42	34	27	6	167
Improve CT Fastrak express bus service	52	25	39	38	14	168
Complete the Naugatuck River Greenway	69	35	27	28	9	168
Build more bicycle lanes	57	29	37	37	7	167
Build more sidewalks	83	43	30	7	2	165
Maintain local roads	139	25	4	1	0	169
<i>answered question</i>						169
<i>skipped question</i>						32

